IV. Safety in the Use of Asbestos (Second Discussion).

V. Youth (General Discussion).

VI. The promotion of small and medium size undertaking (General Discussion).

VII. Structure of ILO: Question relating to amendments to the ILO Constitution.

VIII. Apartheid.

Moratorium on Nuclear Tests by the Soviet Union

321. SHRI MURLIDAHR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has extended its unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests in May, 1986;

(b) if so, what was the response of the United States and other nuclear powers thereto; and

(c) what is Government's assessment about the possibilities of an agreement being reached amongst the different, nuclear powers to stop further nuclear tests and to impose a ban on production of such weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, the Soviet Union has extended its unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing in May upto August 6, this year.

(b) So far no other nuclear weapon State has joined in the moratorium.

(c) The bilateral talks between the USA and the USSR on nuclear arms reduction in Geneva are continuing. Until now, these talks have not yielded any concrete results. The Government of India hope that the talks would lead to a substantial reduction in nuclear weapons and ultimately, to their elimination.

India's protest to the opening of Khunjerab Pass between Pak-occupied Kashmir and China

322. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had protested against the recent opening of the Khunjerab pass between Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and China;

(b) if so, what was the response of Pakistan and China thereto; and

(c) what further steps have been taken by Government of India to restore *status que ante*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Pakistan reiterating its earlier position, has characterised Indian protests as unwarranted and unacceptable. The Chinese Government has similarly rejecied our protest claiming that the opening of the Karakoram Pass is a matter between China and Pakistan, and is in no way connected with the question of onwership of Kashmir.

Government are alive to the political and strategic implications of these illegal moves of Pakistan and China and all necessary steps are being taken to ensure India's security.

Seizure of narcotics

323. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of charas, hashish and other such drugs seized during the past three months; and

(b) what specific steps have been taken to prevent the smuggling of these items and how far it has been possible to curb smuggling as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI